

REMARKS

The accompanying application is a divisional of USSN 09/910,552. Accordingly, applicants have canceled nonelected claims 1-10 and 15-34. Cancellation of the claims is without prejudice, without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter, and without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record. Applicants expressly reserve the right to bring the canceled claims again in a subsequent application.

Claim 11 has been amended to read in independent format and now incorporates the recitations from claim 1 from which claim 11 previously depended.

The Title has been amended to more accurately reflect the subject matter pursued herein. Additionally, the specification has been amended to claim priority from USSN 09/910,552, to update the status of USSN 08/925,002, to recite the current address for the ATCC and to italicize *Neisseria meningitidis* at page 69. Trademarks have also been indicated and the generic terminology corresponding to the trademarks inserted into the specification. Copies of relevant excerpts from the Sigma catalogue, the Amersham-Pharmacia and Pierce websites, as well as Protein Purification Methods: a practical approach (Harris and Angal, eds), have been included which show the generic names for the trademarks used.

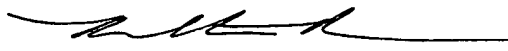
Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

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